(b) Does not arise.

Central Grant for Mini-Hydel Projects

3042. SHRI RATNABAHADUR RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government grant financial assistance in the schemes of Mini-hydel projects undertaken by the State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of Mini-hydel projects taken up and completed in West Bengal during the last three years alongwith their capacities and the amount involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON- CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Central Govt. is extending the following incentives with a view to encouraging cost-effective micro, mini and small hydel stations (of upto 3 MW capacity) and standardization efforts:

(i)) For grid connected projects capital subsidy of upto 25 per cent of acceptable capital cost of E and M and civil works.

(ii) For non-grid connected projects and projects in hilly regions (whether grid-connected or not) — capital subsidy of upto 50 per cent of acceptable capital cost of the E and M and civil works.

These incentives are applicable for all projects whether in private, Govt. or cooperative sectors etc., provided the projects are not aided by World Bank or any International agencies, requiring International competitive bidding or tied supplies.

(iii) For preparation of Detailed Reports — upto 50 per cent of cost is shared by MNES.

(c) Not applicable in view of (b).

(d) Mini-hydel projects, the capital cost of which falls within Rs. 25.00 crores, fall within the competance of the State Govts. to take up and execute. Financial assistance is provided on request from the State Government authorities and no specific requests has been received from West Bengal Govt. Hence no projects have been taken up in West Bengal during last three years with financial assistance from Centre. The State Govt. has however recently submitted an advance list of 9 no. micro/mini hydel schemes statement on which they propose to take up immediately, and for which they are preparing Details Projects Reports.

Statement

List of the proposed Micro/Mini/Small hydel schemes to be taken up immediately in the state of West Bengal

S.No.	Scheme Name	Capacity	District
1 (a)	Rongmook & Cedars	Phase I—150 KW	Darjeeling
		Phase-II—500 KW	Darjeeling
1 (b)	Pandam	Phase I—100 KW	Darjeeling
	(W,B.T.D,C,)	Phase II—50 KW	Darjeeling

2	Marybong (Duncans)	100 KW.	Darjeeling
3 (a)	Thurbo	To be decided	Darjeeling
3 (b)	Dooteriah	To be decided	Darjeeling
	(Goodricke Group)		
4	Jainti Tea Estate	Phase I—100 KW	Jalpaiguri
	(Mcleod Russel)	Phase II—100 KW	
5	Samabeong Tea Estate (Darjeeling Traders)	250 KW.	Darjeeling
6	Gopaldhara Tea Estate	100 KW.	Darjeeling
7	Jungpana Tea Estate	100 KW.	Darjeeling
8	Mim Tea Estate	100 KW	Darjeeling
9	Mongpoh	Phase I—2000 KW.	Darjeeling
		Phase II—3000 KW.	Darjeeling

Antarctica Expedition

3043. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Antarctica expendition undertaken up till now;

(b) the total expenditure incurred on them;

(c) whether any more expedition is in the planning stage; and

(d) if so, by when it is likely to be launched?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Twelve Scientific Expeditions have so far been undertaken to Antarctica.

(b) Department of Ocean Development has cumulatively spent Rs. 85.35 cr. approximately.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The thirteenth Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica is planned to be launched in December; 1993.

Construction of community centre for CGHS complex in Vasant Vihar

@3044. SHRI O. RAJA GOPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned and Community Centre for CGH Complex, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, whether construction work for the same has been started; if not, what are the reasons therefor and by when the construction is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) An inter-departmental committee is reviewing the various samaj sadan projects. The project could be considered only after the suggestions of the committee are received and examined by the Government.

@Previously Unstarred Question 2261, transferred from 12th March, 1993.